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INTELLIGENT NETWORK AND METHOD FOR PROVIDING VOICE TELEPHONY OVER ATM

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An illustrative intelligent network and method for providing voice telephony over ATM are provided that can provide significant advantages. The intelligent network includes a multi-service control point, an ATM signaling intercept processor, and a service administration. multi-service control point receive an input extracted from an input ATM setup message that includes a called party phone number value and a VToA designator, and generates an output in response for use in generating an output ATM setup message. The ATM signaling intercept processor intercepts the input ATM setup message from an ingress ATM edge switch of the ATM network, extracts the input from the input ATM setup message, communicates the input to the multi-service control point, receives the output generated by the multi-service control point, generates the output ATM setup message using the output, and communicates the output ATM setup message to the ingress ATM edge.switch of the ATM network. The service administration provisions the multi-service control point and the ATM signaling intercept processor. An illustrative method for providing VToA is also provided.